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Barbara Rice, Program Manager
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RE: Support of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Protection Commission's Application for National Park Service Funding

Dear Ms. Rice:

Sacramento County is writing in support of the Delta Protection Commission's (DPC) application to the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for the "Great California Delta Trail" Blueprint Report for Sacramento County. As identified in the authorizing legislation from 2007 (Senate Bill 1556), the DPC is required to develop and implement a plan for a continuous regional recreational corridor that would extend around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta shorelines within the five Delta counties, and will link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the planned Sacramento River trails in Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo counties. Sacramento County believes the ultimate completion of a comprehensive and connective trail system in the Delta is an important first step to enhance the vitality and economic viability of the entire region. Therefore, the County supports of the DPC's efforts to continue and complete the Blueprint reports for the remaining three Delta counties.

Sacramento County is also a strong advocate of the proposed master plan approach that, when completed, will provide greater visibility and increased access to the Delta's unique resources, without adversely impacting sensitive habitat and wildlife areas. Further, the Delta Trails Blueprint concept is consistent with one of the key tenets set forth in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 which calls for:

- the protection and enhancement of the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta;
- protection, maintenance, and, where possible, enhancement and restoration of the overall quality of the Delta environment, including, but not limited to, agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreational activities; and
- the orderly and balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources.

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In closing, the completion of a Delta Trail Blueprint report for Sacramento County is consistent with intent of the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. To assist with this effort the County is committed to continuing its longstanding partnership with the DPC and will provide available staff resources and assistance in acquiring County-specific data and information necessary to inform the process (e.g., relevant land use planning documents and GIS data). The County fully supports the DPC's application request and looks forward to working with DPC staff and the NPS to continue progress on the Great California Delta Trail.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Peterson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael L. Peterson, Director
Department of Water Resources

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cc: Michael Machado, Executive Director, Delta Protection Commission
Alex Westhoff, Delta Protection Commission
Don Nottoli, Sacramento County Supervisor, Fifth District - DPC Chair